

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 13-17 and 31-52 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-12 and 18-30 have been cancelled, Claims 13-17 have been amended and Claims 31-52 have been added by the present amendment.

This application is a Divisional Application of Serial No. 09/457,524 filed on December 9, 1999, and is directed to the non-elected Claims 13-17. Further, new Claims 31-52 have been added and are similar to the original Claims 2-12 of the parent application.

Consequently, an action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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